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# H. R. 3191

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to marine sanitation devices.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recreational Waters  
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR MARINE SANITATION**  
7 **DEVICES.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
9 of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-  
10 tection Agency shall review the capabilities of existing ma-

1 rine sanitation technology and publish revised standards  
 2 for marine sanitation devices pursuant to section  
 3 312(c)(1)(A) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
 4 (33 U.S.C. 1322(c)(1)(A)). The revised standards shall re-  
 5 quire a baseline effluent water quality for fecal coliform  
 6 of not more than 10 milliliters per 100 milliliters and shall  
 7 require a reduction in biological oxygen demand of at least  
 8 50 percent.

9 **SEC. 3. STATE PROHIBITION.**

10 Section 312(f)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution  
 11 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1322(f)(3)) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “After”;

13 (2) by inserting before the period at the end of  
 14 the first sentence the following: “and the State cer-  
 15 tifies based on the best data available that effluent  
 16 from marine sanitation devices is impairing water  
 17 quality and such a prohibition will result in measur-  
 18 able improvements in water quality”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(B) A prohibition under subparagraph (A) shall not  
 21 apply to a vessel that operates a type I or type II marine  
 22 sanitation device that meets the standards for marine  
 23 sanitation devices revised pursuant to section 2 of the Rec-  
 24 reational Waters Protection Act and published under sub-

1 section (c)(1)(A) after the date of enactment of this sub-  
2 paragraph.”.

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